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Cover image: Michael Stünzi presents his exquisitely designed stamps celebrating 125 years of cinema.
Photo: Urs Graber

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Dear Reader

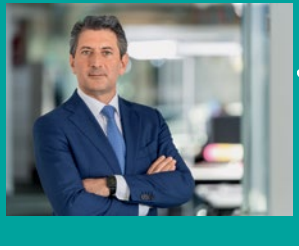
When Switzerland issued its first stamps on 1 March 1843, the "Zurich 4" and the "Zurich 6", they were functional above all else. The design, which featured a large number, focused solely on the stamp's value. Over the course of time, stamps became tiny works of art and much-coveted collector's items, thanks to the issue of special stamps. When I was a little boy, I had my own collection and was delighted with every new stamp I received from family or friends. The functional use of stamps has not changed, nor has the pleasure in collecting them and in new motifs. And we were actually able to harness even more added value during the coronavirus crisis: the opportunity to collect donations through a special stamp.

The pandemic took us all by surprise and has had a huge impact on both our private and professional lives. Many small companies and self-employed people have had to fight to survive due to the measures introduced to protect against the pandemic. They deserve our solidarity, which is why we have issued the "COVID-19 Solidarity" stamp for their benefit. We have already collected over 2.5 million francs in donations through sales of the stamp.

The pandemic has also pushed Swiss Post to its limits and has proven extremely challenging for our staff members. I am delighted that we successfully maintained the high quality of the universal service in the transport of goods, information and people and in financial services, making a key contribution to stability in everyday life. Our employees' efforts have helped many people in Switzerland to get through the tough times during lockdown.

For me, these challenging circumstances have highlighted one thing in particular – solidarity is a Swiss value that we truly embrace. I would like to thank everyone who has bought the "COVID-19 Solidarity" stamp.

I hope you enjoy the new stamps presented on the following pages.



Kind regards

Roberto Cirillo
CEO of Swiss Post

Issuing programme

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No.	Value	Description
4	5.35	**Special stamps** **Animals in the city**
	0.85	Stoat
	1.00	Wood mouse
	1.50	Mole
	2.00	Red fox
1	1.00	**Special stamp** 50 years women's suffrage
2	1.85	**Special stamps** **A Mail and B Mail**
	0.85	B
	1.00	A

No.	Value	Description
1	1.00	**Special stamp** 100 years Dürrenmatt
1	0.85	**Special stamp** 150 years internment of Bourbaki's army
1	1.00	**Special stamp** 100 years insulin

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Event calendar

Month	Key	Date	Location	Event
November	TF/E	4–8.11	Paris, France	74th Salon Philatélique d'Automne
	SS+	6–8.11	Basel, Switzerland	Stamp Day 2020
	I	12.11		Issue date
	TF/E	27–29.11	Verona, Italy	Veronafil 2020
December	SS+	10–11.12.	Berne-Bethlehem, Switzerland	Special Christmas post office
January	F	21.1.		Focus on stamps 4/2021: The Collector's Magazine

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Key

I	Issue date for stamps/postal stationery
F	Focus on stamps (stamp magazine)
TF/E	Trade fair/exhibition
SS+	Sales stand with cancellation service

Money for a good cause

Thanks to the "COVID-19 Solidarity" stamp, Swiss Post has made a significant contribution to solidarity in Switzerland. A success story.

On 6 April 2020, Swiss Post launched the "COVID-19 Solidarity" A Mail stamp. For every purchase of a 10-stamp sheet, 50 francs was donated to a coronavirus solidarity fund. Swiss Post covered the face value of the stamp. The initiative was a resounding success: the stamp had raised around 2.5 million francs by the end of August. Half of the proceeds go to Swiss Solidarity and half to the Swiss Red Cross. These organizations ensured that the money raised went to people who are facing financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic and urgently need help.

The solidarity stamp can still be ordered at postshop.ch/stamps or by calling 0848 66 55 until the end of December 2020.

A big thank you to our subscribers

This year, Swiss Post would once again like to thank all stamp and cancellation subscribers for their long-standing loyalty. This year's folder contains the original "Clockmaking" miniature sheet in limited edition, which features in issue 4/20 dated 12 November. The stamp depicts the monumental clockwork of the "Zytglogge", one of Berne's most famous landmarks, framed by the face of the astrolabe clock and moving figures.

If you haven't subscribed yet but would like to secure your own edition of this exclusive collector's item, sign up for a stamp subscription now and receive the folder as a gift!

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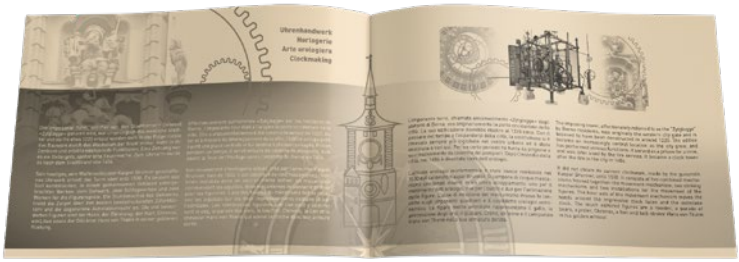

Birdhouse

Lantern

Biscuits

Mulled wine

Christmas – wintry moments

Every year, Swiss Post's Christmas special stamps prove highly popular – and, in 2020, they come with an extra special treat.

You can add an extra touch of festivity to your Christmas mail this year. Every sheet of stamps comes with numerous stickers that match the stamp and can be affixed to letters or parcels. What could be better than adding some special decorative flair to your mail at Christmas?

The special stamps themselves are dedicated to wintry moments. They are the result of a competition that requested charming illustrations full of atmosphere. They depict situations that are familiar to us all during the winter months. With their warm and welcoming designs, you can almost smell the mulled wine and Christmas biscuits and see the flickering lanterns in front of you. But the motifs are broad enough to be used through the whole of winter and not just at Christmas.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A328 150	A328 550	5.35
Set of blocks of four	A328 160	A328 560	21.40
Sheet of 10 stamps			
0.85 Birdhouse	A328 361	A328 381	8.50
1.00 Lantern	A328 362	A328 382	10.00
1.50 Biscuits	A328 363	A328 383	15.00
2.00 Mulled wine	A328 364	A328 384	20.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A328 580	6.25
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A328 600	8.95
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A328 630	25.00
Unstamped cover C6	A328 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A328 640	A328 650	6.15
Christmas cards with covers and stamps			
Set of four A6 folded cards with the motifs "Birdhouse", "Lantern", "Biscuits" and "Mulled wine", four printed C6 covers and four "Lantern" Christmas stamps at CHF 1.00 (not affixed)	A328 952		9.80
The Christmas cards are not supplied with the subscription.			

Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 5.11.2020 to 31.12.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 12.11.2020 to 31.12.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 12.11.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheet: 100×228 mm (open), 100 ×114 mm (folded); 5 rows of 2 stamps
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (4 sides)
Design	Marijke Laupper, Lucerne

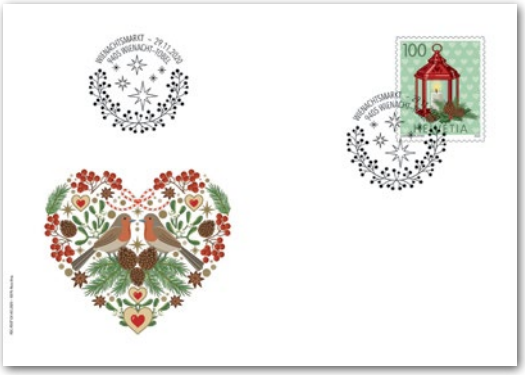
Card set with stamps and printed covers

Decorate your Christmas mail!

Give your recipient a pleasant surprise thanks to the free stickers included with the sheet of stamps!

Christmas

Our range of festive envelopes for your Christmas mail!



Wienacht-Tobel

The traditional Christmas market in Wienacht-Tobel is held on the first Sunday of Advent. Swiss Post is issuing a special cancellation to mark this event. There will be no sales stand at the event. You can send your slips with an addressed and franked reply envelope to the following address:

Post CH Ltd, PostalNetwork, Cancellation Service, "Wienacht-Tobel", Werkstrasse 41, 3250 Lyss, Switzerland

Closing date: 30 November 2020

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Special covers			
Special cover C6, franked with the "Lantern" special stamp at CHF 1.00 and cancelled with the special cancellation "9405 Wienacht-Tobel 29.11.2020"		A328 991	1.90
Special cover without stamp C6	A328 992		0.90
The special covers are not supplied with the subscription.			

Wienacht-Tobel special cancellation

Bethlehem special branch

Date: 10 to 11 December 2020
Location: Bethlehem special branch, "im Tscharni", café and community center, Waldmannstrasse 17, 3027 Berne
Getting there: Tram no. 8 to the Tscharnergut stop
Opening times: Thursday, 10.12.2020, 9 a.m. to 12 noon / 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, 11.12.2020, 9 a.m. to 12 noon / 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The doors of the special branch in Bethlehem will open again this year, as strong demand was expressed after the announcement of the future closure. To send your Christmas mail with the "Bethlehem" Christmas cancellation, bring your stamps to Berne-Bethlehem during the special branch's opening times or send your Christmas mail franked with valid stamps (no express consignments) directly to the following address:

Post CH Ltd, PostalNetwork, Cancellation Service, "Bethlehem", Werkstrasse 41, 3250 Lyss, Switzerland

Send your Christmas mail with the Bethlehem postmark!

Closing date: 11 December 2020

On request, stamp impressions can also be applied to loose valid stamps. Please enclose a pre-franked, self-addressed envelope so that any unaddressed items for cancellation can be returned.

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Special covers			
Special cover C6, franked with the "Lantern" special stamp at CHF 1.00 and cancelled with the special cancellation "3027 Bern 27 Bethlehem 10.–11.12.2020"		A328 141	1.90
Special cover without stamp C6	A328 142		0.90
The special covers are not supplied with the subscription. The "Bethlehem" Christmas card is no longer available.			

Bethlehem special cancellation

Multilateral product

Christmas

This year's multilateral product contains a total of 16 original 2020 Christmas stamps from Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Austria and Luxembourg.

There may be delays to the shipping of this product. However, other products in the same order will be delivered on time.

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Multilateral Christmas set			
2020 issue, includes stamps from Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Austria and Luxembourg. Item available only in German.	A328 990		26.90
This product is not supplied with the subscription.			

Special stamp
with surcharge

Stamp Day 2020 Basel

Not only is it one of the most extraordinary stamps in the world, it's also one of the most beautiful: the Basel Dove, or the "Basler Dybli", as it has been widely known for some time. This year, it is celebrating its 175th anniversary, and a special stamp with surcharge has been issued to mark the occasion.

Special sheet of 4 stamps

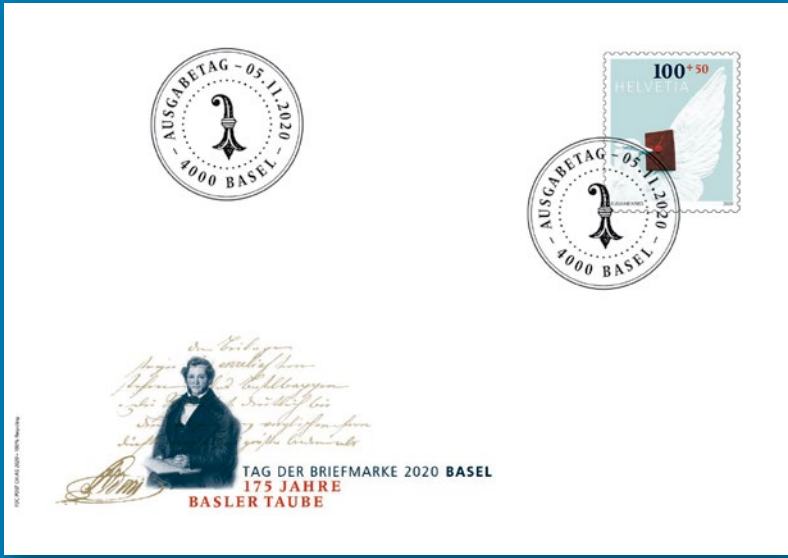
In 1845, the architect Melchior Berri was commissioned by Johannes Bernoulli, the head of the postal organization in Basel, to design a postage stamp – known at the time as the "Franco-Zettelchen". He opted for the same motif for his stamp that he had used three years earlier for the design of the Basel letter boxes – a white dove with a letter in its beak.

After the issue of the Penny Black in the UK, the stamps of the cantons of Geneva and Zurich and three stamps in Brazil, Basel was the fifth issuer of stamps. And the "Basel Dove", printed in Frankfurt, had several special features: to protect it against forgery, the dove was produced using relief printing. It was also the world's first multicoloured stamp. Things initially went awry, as the background was green in the first issue – and this did not go down well with the commissioner. It was only at the second attempt that the stamp received its blue background. The green variant is extremely valuable today, even though it never even entered circulation.

Important note
The "Stamp Day" special stamp and additional products are available for delivery from 29 October 2020. Please note that orders also containing additional products from this issue cannot be sent until 5 November 2020. If you wish to receive the "Stamp Day" products earlier, they must be ordered separately. A processing fee of 9 francs will be charged for orders under 15 francs.

Order using an order form or at postshop.ch

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp with surcharge (1.00+0.50)	A332 150	A332 550	1.50
Block of four with surcharge (4 × 1.00+0.50)	A332 160	A332 560	6.00
Sheetlet of 8 stamps (8 × 1.00+0.50)	A332 311	A332 351	12.00
Special sheet of 4 stamps (4 × 1.00+0.50)	A332 990		6.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A332 580	2.40
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A332 630	6.90
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A332 590	13.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets C6 (162×114 mm) C5 (229×162 mm)	 A332 700 A332 701		 0.90 1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A332 640	A332 650	2.30



Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
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Validity	Unlimited from 5.11.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheetlet: 192×115 mm (2 rows of 4 stamps) Special sheet: maximum dimensions 149.6×295 mm
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13½:13¼
Design	Susanne Krieg, Basel

Postal card

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Postal stationery			
Postal card "Stamp Day 2020 Basel", face value CHF 1.50 (1.00+0.50) + 1.00 for the card	A332 841	A332 846	2.50

Sheetlet of 8 stamps

Stamp Day 2020

The 175th anniversary of the Basel Dove is being celebrated at the Stamp Day in Basel from 6 to 8 November 2020. This is a level III and II exhibition.

Stamp exhibition
Venue: MCH Messe Schweiz Basel

Opening times of exhibition, stamp exchange and sales stand with cancellation service:
Friday, 6 November 2020, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday, 7 November 2020, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, 8 November 2020, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Autograph session:
On Saturday, 7 November 2020, Susanne Krieg, designer of the sheetlet and special sheet, will be signing her work from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

USPS cover with special cancellation

Product	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Special cover		
Special cover C6 from the Union of Swiss Philatelists' Societies, franked with the "Stamp Day 2020 Basel" single stamp and cancelled with the special cancellation "6.11.–8.11.2020 4000 Basel". The special cover is not supplied with the subscription.	A332 581	4.00
The special cover is not supplied with the subscription.		

Limited product

Anniversary envelope with silver stamps

To mark the anniversary year of the first multicoloured stamp in the world, an exclusive cover in a limited and numbered edition of 2,500 items is available to purchase. Franked with the "Stamp Day 2020 Basel / 175 years Basel Dove" special stamp with surcharge and cancelled with an anniversary postmark. The elegant, fully-printed envelope contains two tokens made of genuine silver depicting the two "Basel Doves" designed by Melchior Berri in 1845 and Susanne Krieg in 2020.

The silver stamps are protected by two plastic covers.

The two commemorative stamps made of silver are not valid for postage. Orders will be processed in the sequence in which they arrive.

Don't miss out! Limited issue of 2,500 items!

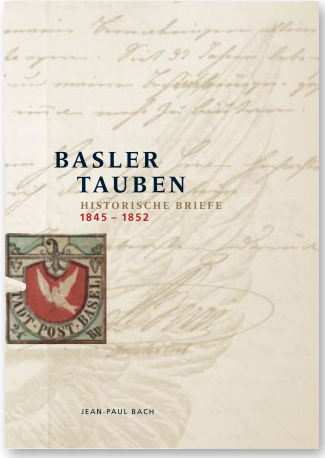
Technical information	
Printing	Cover: offset, 4-colour Commemorative stamps: embossed on silver (999)
Sizes	Cover: C6/5, 229×114 mm Commemorative stamps: 28×38×0.1 mm, 1.12 g
Design	Susanne Krieg, Basel
Source Background images	Written document, image and signature of Melchior Berri Jean-Paul Bach, Basel

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Anniversary envelope with silver stamps			
The product contains two commemorative stamps made of silver (Basel Dove 1845 and Basel Dove 2020) and is franked with the "Stamp Day 2020 Basel / 175 years Basel Dove" stamp and cancelled with a special "175 years" anniversary postmark.		A332 991	34.90
The anniversary envelope is not supplied with the subscription.			

"Basel Dove" books

To mark the 175th anniversary of the "Basel Dove", an illustrated book with the same name is being published. This features the biography of the architect Melchior Berri, images of and fascinating information about 400 letters franked with the Basel Dove, stamp impressions and much more. You can delve into the history of the legendary "Basel Dove" stamp in this 196-page publication. Author: Jean-Paul Bach.

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
"Basel Dove" books			
Book without special sheet (in German only)		A332 900	29.00
Book incl. special sheet of 4 stamps (4 × 1.00+0.50) (in German only)		A332 901	35.00
The books and special sheets are not supplied with the subscription.			



Basel Dove book

Postage stamp fund for cultural and social projects

Swiss Post has supported a wide range of cultural and social projects through the postage stamp fund for over 70 years – often focusing on youth work.

Scuol, Engadin: in the art and cultural education programme "Architectural culture – yesterday, today and tomorrow", run by the "Fundaziun Nairs" and the "Creacumün" association, children and young people learn to understand, analyse and critically evaluate the built environment in a fun way. In Thalwil on Lake Zurich, the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) has launched four prevention projects as part of the "At home without fear" programme, which enables children and young people to look at the different forms of violence that take place in intimate spaces.

What do these projects have in common? They are amongst the initiatives supported by Swiss Post's postage stamp fund for cultural and social commitment. And what's it all about? By issuing special stamps with a surcharge, Swiss Post provides direct support for leading organizations such as Pro Patria and Pro Juventute, helping them to further their fundraising and communication efforts.

Some of the proceeds from the sale of the special stamps with surcharge also go to this postage stamp fund. The funding is donated to various cultural and social projects. In 2020, Swiss Post is primarily supporting projects for children and young people – very much in keeping with Pro Juventute's current theme of "happy childhood". Kurt Strässle, a Stamps & Philately partner at Swiss Post, explains: "We distribute around 150,000 francs from the fund each year."

The postage stamp fund is part of Swiss Post's corporate citizenship initiative and a demonstration of its social commitment.

Children's workshop, Fundaziun Nairs, 2014
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"Yes, no, maybe" is NCBI's latest prevention project for young people on the issues of gender roles and consent.
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Finger painting

Christmas gift

Pro Juventute 2020 – happy childhood

Beautiful stamps for important letters. In line with this ethos, Swiss Post – in cooperation with Pro Juventute – selects an exciting theme from the world of children and young people as a motif each year. A Swiss artist then depicts the chosen theme in their own way.

After last year's important themes of children's rights and law, a lighter note was called for this year: the current theme is "happy childhood". And, after the profound illustrations issued in 2019, this year's stamps feature cheerful photographs. This is a continuation of the 2018 series, in which Bienne-based photographer Mark Baumgartner presented two motifs – "Toy bricks" and "Blowing bubbles". This time, a gift motif and children's finger painting are featured. The motifs are once again bright, colourful and cheerful – happy, even.

Founded at the beginning of the last century with the aim of combating tuberculosis in children, the Pro Juventute foundation today supports children and young people through a wide range of programmes and services. These include the 147 helpline, advice for parents and youth leaders and supervised holiday programmes. There are also letters for parents, programmes to teach people how to handle money and use media responsibly and much more besides.

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Pro Juventute "Open space" campaign launch in Berne
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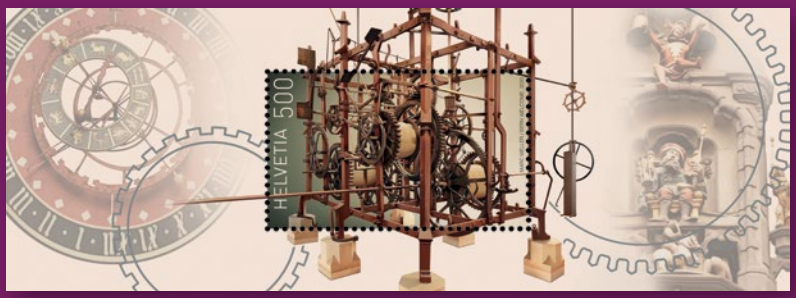
Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 5.11.2020 to 30.6.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 12.11.2020 to 30.6.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 12.11.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 82×198 mm (open), 82×99 mm (folded); 5 rows of 2 stamps Stamp booklet: 86×62 mm (folded)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (4 sides)
Design	Mark Baumgartner, Brügg

"Open space – more room for children": the Pro Juventute campaign
© Pro Juventute

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A331 150	A331 550	2.75
Set of blocks of four	A331 160	A331 560	11.00
Sheet of 10 stamps 0.85+0.40 Finger painting 1.00+0.50 Christmas gift	 A331 361 A331 362	 A331 381 A331 382	 12.50 15.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A331 580	3.65
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A331 600	4.55
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A331 630	12.80
Unstamped cover C6	A331 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A331 640	A331 650	3.55
Stamp booklet			
6 self-adhesive stamps at CHF 0.85+0.40 with the motif "Finger painting" and 6 self-adhesive stamps at CHF 1.00+0.50 with the motif "Christmas gift"	A331 300	A331 800	16.50

Miniature sheet



Clockmaking

No matter what part of the world tourists come from, the "Zytglogge" is always a highlight when they visit Berne. The magnificent tower, the impressive clock faces and, of course, the moving figures delight young and old alike.

The clock tower was originally the western city gate and was constructed in around 1220. As the city grew, the tower became an increasingly central location, and as a result, it has performed various roles. It served as a prison for a time, and was later used by the fire service. Following a fire in the city in 1406, it finally became a clock tower.

The monumental clockwork, which can still be admired today, was made by the gunsmith Kaspar Brunner in 1530. It consists of five combined mechanisms housed together: the movement mechanism, two striking mechanisms and two installations for the movement of the figures.

From the hour axis of the movement mechanism, the hands are moved around the two large 12-hour clock faces and the astrolabe clock. This is an example of the finest horological craftsmanship.

The special stamp with a value of five francs, which celebrates this unique clock, is designed as a miniature sheet with technical illustration.

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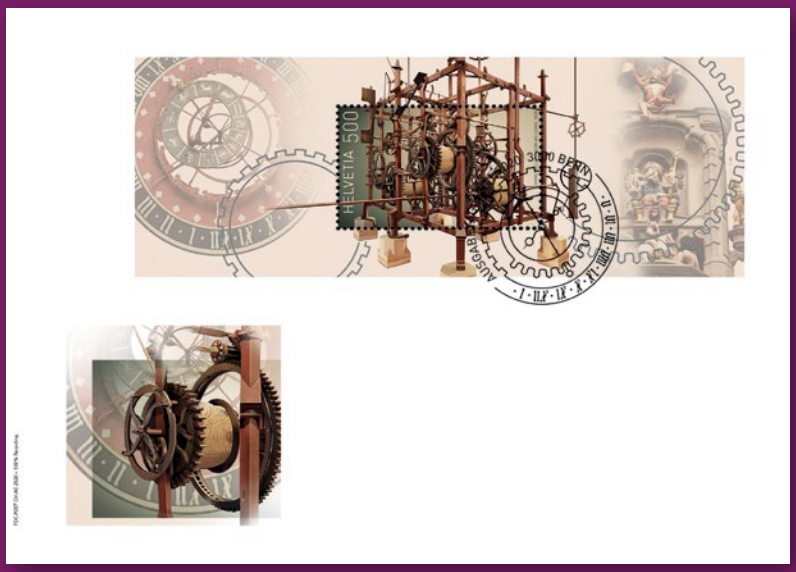
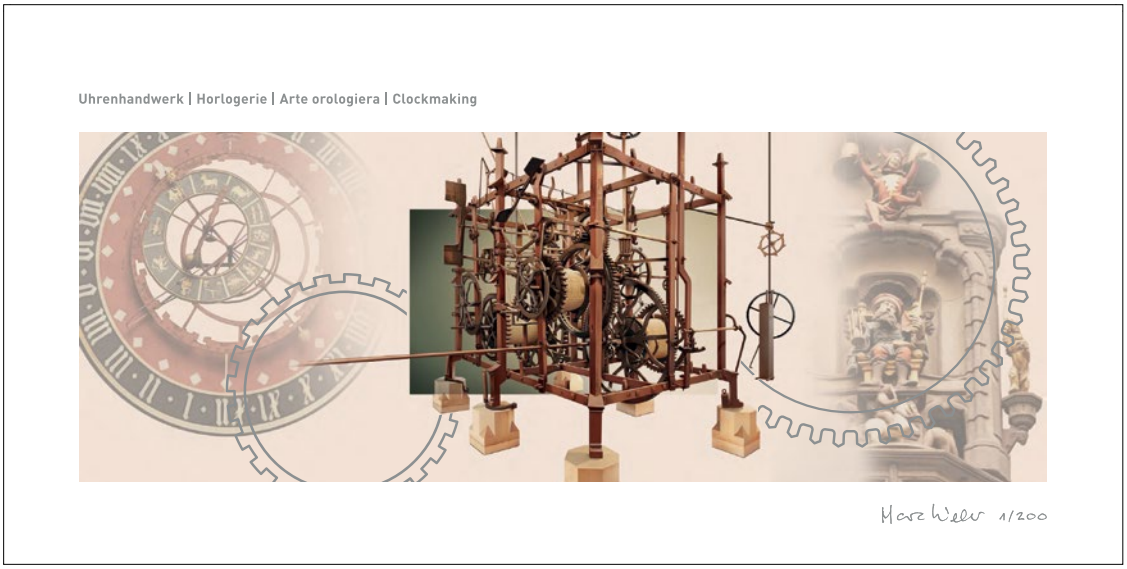
Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Miniature sheet	A329 315	A329 815	5.00
Covers			
Miniature sheet on first-day cover C6		A329 580	5.90
Cover without miniature sheet C6	A329 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A329 640	A329 650	5.80
Additional product			
Art print	A329 900		129.00
The art print is not supplied with the subscription.			



Miniature sheet on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 5.11.2020 to 31.12.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 12.11.2020 to 31.12.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 12.11.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour, and silver foil embossing; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 42×25 mm Miniature sheet: 125×45 mm
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	12 ½
Design	Marc Weller, Berne Photography: Bern Welcome



Art print on handmade paper

Art print on handmade paper
The theme and long history of clockmaking are also reflected in an art print, which is now available in a limited-edition run of 200 copies printed on handmade paper (250 g/m²).

The page size is 500×250 mm, the image size approx. 437×157 mm. The art print features the clockmaking miniature sheet in the highest quality. The elegant design is based on the original and includes the impressive features of silver printing and the designer's signature.

It is supplied unframed and unfolded. The selling price is 129 francs, including shipping costs within Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein. Unfortunately, deliveries cannot be made abroad.

Sheet size: 500×250 mm
Image size approx.: 437×157 mm

From 1895 Around 1960 Until 2020

125 years cinema

On 22 March 1895, the Lumière brothers unveiled a sensational achievement in Paris: along with their cinematographers, they brought motion pictures to the big screen. In December of the same year, the first public film screening took place in front of a paying audience – and cinema was born.

Cinema has undergone a huge transformation over its 125-year history, as is illustrated by the three special stamps produced as a se-tenant. A scene with the projector used by the Lumières is shown on the left, old-style film reels can be seen in the middle, while a digital 3-D experience is shown on the right. The cinema audience wear the latest fashions from the particular period. The typography shows the lettering of the day, from an easel, to individually placed letters and finally a display on a screen.

In Switzerland, the development of cinema is closely associated with Jean Speck. In 1899, he opened the "Panoptikum" in Zurich, a cabinet of curiosities and machines and, in 1912, he opened a cinema exclusively dedicated to film, which he claimed was the first in Switzerland. Other sources indicate that the Radium in Zurich and the Fata Morgana in Basel (both 1907) and the Lumen in Lausanne (1908) were the nation's very first cinemas.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A330 150	A330 550	3.00
Set of blocks of four	A330 160	A330 560	8.00
Sheet of 15 stamps	A330 111	A330 511	15.00
The sheet contains 5 horizontal rows, each with 3 related stamps featuring the motifs "From 1895", "Around 1960" and "Until 2020". Motifs not available individually.			
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A330 580	3.90
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (3 covers)		A330 600	5.70
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A330 630	9.80
Unstamped cover C6	A330 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A330 640	A330 650	3.80

Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 5.11.2020 to 31.12.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 12.11.2020 to 31.12.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 12.11.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 104×37 mm (34.7/34.6/34.7×37 mm) Sheet: 134×215 mm (5 rows of 3 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm^2
Perforation	14¼
Design	Michael Stünzi, Zurich

Facts about cinema in Switzerland

Impressive: 12,865,531 cinema tickets were sold in 2019. This equates to revenue of 200 million francs. Around 600 cinemas all over Switzerland were visited. Over 2,000 films from 74 different countries were shown. Pleasingly, these included several Swiss productions, which enjoyed great success.

The best-known Swiss film of all time remains the "Schweizermacher" (The Swissmakers), released in 1978. It occupies 10th place on the list of the most successful films in Switzerland over the past 25 years (in terms of tickets sold).

1. Titanic
2. Intouchables
3. James Bond 007: Skyfall
4. Avatar
5. Finding Nemo
6. Ice Age 2
7. Ice Age 3
8. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
9. James Bond 007: Spectre
10. Die Schweizermacher

The box office hits "Titanic" and "Avatar" also feature on the list of the most successful movies of all time worldwide (in terms of box office receipts). This list is topped by "Avengers: Endgame", a cinema hit which occupied second place in the 2019 rankings in Switzerland, but is not amongst the most successful movies overall.

(Source: ProCinema, 2020, www.procinema.ch)

Pro Cinema, the Swiss association for cinema and movie rentals, publishes official annual statistics for the Swiss cinema and rental industry each year. Further information about ProCinema and more exciting facts about the cinema industry can be found at **www.procinema.ch.**

Kellerkino in Berne
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Take a look at **swisspost.ch/stamps** from 12 November 2020 and win cinema tickets!

Stamp puzzle – Fairy tales

A colourful game for fairy tale and stamp lovers of all ages!

Put together 24 or 40 pieces to create a whole fairy-tale world.

Contains two separate puzzles featuring the two popular motifs “Forest” and “Meadow” from the 2018 “Fairy tales” issue, one with 24 pieces and the other with 40.

The puzzles come protected in a handy slip lid box.

The perfect Christmas gift for youngsters

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamp puzzle set	A336 900		19.00

The children's stamp set for young collectors

Whoever says that stamp collecting is a thing of the past couldn't be more wrong. The children's stamp set is available now. Children of pre-school age receive the latest stamps and cool gadgets. Best of all: if you order the children's stamp set with the Phila & Franco gym bag, you get a 5-franc discount.

The children's stamp set contains:
– Issue folder into which the stamps can be inserted

– 2 "Christmas" stamps
– 3 "Cinema" stamps
– 2 colourful postcards featuring Phila & Franco
– Arts and crafts sheet for a flickbook

The children's stamp set will be issued on 12 November 2020.

Price: CHF 9.–

Children's stamp set (Symbolic image)

Phila & Franco gym bag

The gym bag is not just ideal for school sports. It contains everything a future stamp enthusiast's heart could desire. The gym bag is available individually or together with the children's stamp set.

The Phila & Franco gym bag contains:
– 2 "Christmas" and "Cinema" first-day covers
– Display card
– "Focus on stamps" magazine
– Magnifying glass
– Stamp tweezers
– Profile of Phila & Franco

Price: CHF 29.–

Phila & Franco gym bag (Symbolic image)

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* You can return the order flyer together with the order form in the reply envelope.

Between art and craft: the 2020 year book

The year book takes us on a journey through the artistic collection of this year's Swiss stamps.

Who doesn't know Globi? His educational editions – two of which have been acknowledged with special stamps – highlight just how topical the character still is. Closely linked to comics is the tradition of street art. Four artists were invited to produce their interpretation of the multifaceted term "Smart City". Meanwhile, Berne's Zytglogge clock tower, the horological design of which is greatly admired, shows just how fluid the boundary between art and craftsmanship really is.

Creating chocolate delights is also a form of craftsmanship. Two special stamps illustrate the journey of the cocoa bean on its way to becoming a piece of confectionery – or from bitter to sweet. Tribute is paid to the art of flower arranging with a stylish special stamp to mark the 100th anniversary of the Swiss Florists' Association. And, in the International Year of Plant Health, the United Nations reminds us that plants can also fall sick, with a focus on the Japanese beetle.

This short list contains just a few of the many impressive stamps from the 2020 year book. The 128-page publication presents 51 original stamps and an exclusive black print. It also includes fascinating background information on the stamp motifs. This book is a perfect record of our times – for you, a loved one or perhaps as a birthday present.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Year book of Swiss stamps 2020	A333 830	A333 831	CHF 69.00

Colourful stamps

Issue set with single stamps 4/2020

Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 4/2020

Annual and special products	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Issue set with single stamps 4/2020			
The single stamp, sets and miniature sheet in the 4/2020 issue are displayed on a free A5 backing card and protected with cellophane wrapping.	A334 150	A334 550	17.60
Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 4/2020			
The first-day covers with the single stamp, sets and miniature sheet in the 4/2020 issue are combined in one free cover.		A334 580	22.10
2020 year book			
Representing a valuable record of our times, the year book presents the Swiss stamps and first-day cancellations for 2020, along with an exclusive black print, on over 100 pages in four languages (DE/FR/IT/EN). The "COVID-19 Solidarity" commemorative stamp is not included in the year book.	A333 830	A333 831	69.00
2020 year set			
All Swiss stamps for 2020, clearly laid out on four handy display cards with transparent protective sleeve. The "COVID-19 Solidarity" commemorative stamp is not included in the year set.	A335 320	A335 820	60.60
2020 year set with first-day covers (FDC)			
The year's first-day covers – including the single stamps, sets or miniature sheets with the respective first-day cancellations.		A335 530	86.90

2021 stamp catalogues	Item no.	Price in CHF
Zumstein		
Switzerland/Liechtenstein/UN Geneva 2021, German/French	A326 725	35.00
Swiss stamp catalogue		
Switzerland 2021, German/French	A326 787	27.00
The stamp catalogues can be delivered in Switzerland and Liechtenstein only.		

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